



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

School Social Work Week

WHEREAS, school social workers in the State of Rhode Island and across the nation serve as vital members of the education team, playing a central role in creating a positive school climate and vital partnerships between the home, school and community to ensure student academic success; and

WHEREAS, school social workers are especially skilled in providing services to students who face serious challenges to school success, including poverty, disability, discrimination, abuse, addiction, bullying, divorce of parents, loss of a loved one and other barriers to learning; and


WHEREAS, there is a growing need for local educational agencies to address services offered by school social workers to address students' emotional, physical and environmental needs so that students may achieve academic success; and

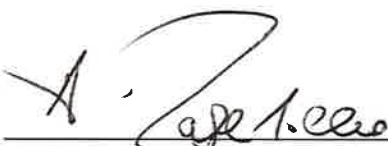
WHEREAS, the celebration of School Social Work Week during the week of March 3-9, 2013, highlights the vital role school social workers play in the lives of students and families in the United States; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, do hereby proclaim March 3-9, 2013 as School Social Work Week in the State of Rhode Island and encourage all state residents to recognize the importance of this week.



Given under my hand and the great
seal of the State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations,
this 18th day of February, 2013


Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor


A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State